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## EUGENIC SOCIETIES WILL DEMAND LAW

Commissioner of Health Mahr Assails  
Physicians for Professional  
Conservatism.

Oklahoma City, Jan. 4.—The Oklahoma state legislature, which will assemble in regular session this week, will be asked to enact a law requiring health certificates from both the man and the woman before a license can be issued for their marriage. This proposed legislation has the support of the State Health Department, the State Federation of Women's Clubs and numerous other organizations, including the medical societies. Its advocates declare society should have the right to protect itself by preventive measures, no less than by corrective measures, against the results of vice and immorality. From a legislative standpoint the subject is new in Oklahoma.

Dr. J. C. Mahr, state commissioner of health, is actively supporting the measure. He said recently that the statistics compiled by his department, after an inspection of all state institutions in Oklahoma, showed that had medical certificates been required before marriage, fifty years ago, many of the inmates of the penitentiaries, reformatories, asylums and poor farms would not now be charges of the state and a source of expense to the public.

"Society," said Dr. Mahr, "recognizes only such unions as are legalized by license and a regularly performed ceremony, yet under this cloak is made the victim of shocking conditions. Statistics from our State Home for Feeble Minded, at Enid, show that 75 per cent of the inmates are a part of the 'wild oats' sown by their fathers when single men. Forty per cent of the children in the State School for the Blind are denied the right to see the beauties of this world because their fathers sowed 'wild oats'."

**Fathers' Sins to Posterity.**  
"These unfortunates must suffer the penalty for their fathers' few years of reckless life. There are at least 200 inmates of the State Hospital for the Insane whose brains are as blank as a stone wall. They are doomed to live in a madhouse for the rest of their lives as the result of alcohol, vice and immorality on the part of their fathers, and the neglect of their maternal grandfather."

Commissioner Mahr asserts that such conditions will always exist until they are remedied by law, and become a well understood subject that is handled fearlessly by the pulpit and the press. "There are many physicians," he continues, "who, for fear of losing business, will not always advise a patron that his daughter should not marry the man of her choice."

"The writer regrets that he is not sufficiently gifted to draw a pen picture so vivid that he might impress upon his readers the danger of paternal indifference in permitting daughters who have been treasured and guarded, innocent of all worldliness, without knowledge of those things which are a result of immorality and vice, or of the dangers that lie in wait for them, to become a sacrifice when they give themselves at the altar to the men whom they hope to make happy."

Find Two Men Dead in Car.

Atton, Okla., Jan. 4.—W. W. Thornley of Evansville, Ind., Saturday was found dead and E. J. O'Day, address unknown, probably fatally injured in a coal car in the Frisco yards here. In the car, which the men had boarded at Neosho, Mo., was a large oil tank, loose, which had rolled over, crushing them. Thornley appeared to be an engineer, and was about 50 years old. O'Day is about 40, and has a sister in Chicago.

## MAY RECONVENE THE SENATE

Question of Appointments to Be Carried to the Floor.

Oklahoma City, Jan. 5.—A majority of the investigating committee of the special session of the senate will report tomorrow upon reconvening of the senate for confirmation of Lon Frame, chairman of the board of affairs, John B. Doolin, state fish and game warden and Ben Riley, secretary of the state election board. The division on Frame will be five for confirmation and two against and on the other two officers four to three.

The minority members agree with the majority that no corruption was found but will carry the fight against confirmation to the floor on questions of fitness. The regular session of the fourth legislature convenes at noon Tuesday. Demands will be made for investigation of a number of state departments also of the situation at Jay and the governor's attitude in the matter.

The race for speaker of the house seems to lie between J. H. Maxey of Muskogee and John P. Crawford of Ada, with chances tonight favoring Maxey. Other candidates for speaker are: J. Roy Williams of Lawton, and H. H. Smith of Shawnee. The majority choice for speaker will be chosen in democratic caucus tomorrow night or Tuesday morning.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. A. J. Axtell is visiting in Waggoner.

Fred Ratcliff was here over Sunday from Tulsa.

Dr. N. O. Smith has returned from a visit in Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wheat and children spent Sunday in Pryor.

Miss Bertha Reets returned to school in Nevada, Mo., last evening.

The change in the time table on the Katy went into effect yesterday.

The district meeting of the Knights of Pythias is in session at their hall today.

D. Ward King, the good roads man, was a pleasant caller at this office this morning.

One drunk was all the business in police court today and received a sentence of ten days.

The new county officers and their deputies are being sworn in at the court house today.

The bad weather proved very detrimental to the attendance at the good roads meeting held at the Grand this afternoon.

Mrs. Chas. Gollibert died at her home six miles north of this city yesterday. The funeral was held this morning and interment made by the Taylor & Henderson Undertaking company in the Pleasant Hill cemetery.

The January term of the county court convened this morning and the jury was impaneled. The jury will be excused this afternoon until January 27th, on account of the seats in the new court room not being completed. The criminal docket will be taken up on that day.

## Giant Conflict.

Two huge fish, a shark and a jewfish, fought to their death late the other afternoon, off the municipal pier at Santa Monica, Cal., while hundreds of fishermen looked on. Both sea monsters followed a school of mackerel inshore and as soon as they sighted each other the battle was on. During the combat, which lasted an hour, both fish were nearly entirely out of the water. Then they disappeared for a few moments, when both again came to the surface dead. With gaff hooks they were hauled on to the pier. The shark, measuring six feet in length, weighed 142 pounds, while the jewfish, a fraction over seven feet, tipped the pier scales at 226. Both were frightfully mangled. The shark's head was chewed to a pulp, while the jewfish's body was nearly severed by the sharp teeth of the shark.

## THOUSANDS ATTEND THE DAVIS FUNERAL

Unable to Find Room Inside Other  
Hundreds Gather About the  
Church.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 5.—A crowd estimated at 5,000 people, gathered from all parts of Arkansas to pay a last tribute to the late Senator Jeff Davis, Sunday afternoon. The First Baptist church, of which the senator was a member, was packed to suffocation and hundreds unable to get inside stood outside during the services.

Mingled with men notable in the affairs of Arkansas were hundreds of poorly dressed people from the rural districts, "hillbillies," as the dead senator was wont affectionately to refer to them in his political speeches, showing in words and actions their grief over the death of the man whose leadership they had followed so implicitly.

The coffin, buried under flowers, was escorted from the residence to the First Baptist church by a battalion of four companies from Fort Logan H. Roots under command of Colonel Taggart, the battalion band, two companies of Arkansas militia under command of Adjutant General B. W. Green in addition to a local fire and drum corps.

At the church the services were conducted by the Rev. Benjamin Cox, assisted by Dr. R. J. Bowers, president of Ouchita college, at Arkadelphia. The Rev. Cox referred to the dead senator's hatred of "the shams, the frauds and the frills of life."

At the grave a remarkable tribute to the dead senator was paid by his life-long friend, Circuit Judge Jephtha Evans of Booneville. Tall, gaunt, wearing a soft shirt, tie and a suit that showed unmistakable evidence of wear, Judge Evans presented a striking contrast to the silk-hatted and frock-coated group of United States senators and representatives who stood about him. With tears streaming down his face, he voiced his love for his friend in a tribute that was eloquent in its simple sincerity. The last prayers by the Rev. Mr. Cox and Dr. Bowers brought the services to a close.

## K. of P. Program.

Monday Morning, January 6.

10 a. m.—Opening of lodge.

10:30 a. m.—Rept. R. M. Bailey, D. G. C.

10:45 a. m.—Roll Call of lodges represented and responses.

Noon.

1:30 p. m.—Resumption of Roll Call.

2:00 p. m.—Address of welcome by E. R. Stephens.

2:15 p. m.—Response of Frank F. Duncan, G. C.

3:00 p. m.—Exemplification of Ritual.

4:00 p. m.—Question Box.

Evening.

7:30 p. m.—Reception of Grand Lodge officers.

8:00 p. m.—Conferring of first and second rank on candidates.

Tuesday, January 7.

10:00 a. m.—Exemplification of secret code.

11:30 a. m.—Question Box.

Noon.

1:30 p. m.—Conferring Grand Lodge work on Past Chancellors.

2:30 p. m.—Responses from various representatives on Good of the Order.

4:00 p. m.—Salimagdudi.

Evening.

7:30 p. m.—Conferring rank work. Refreshments.

**Disastrous Fire Visits McAlester.**  
McAlester, Okla., Jan. 5.—Fire starting from a gasoline stove explosion Sunday afternoon destroyed the residences of E. H. Doyle, James Riley and W. M. Morgan and the Morgan House, a large frame hotel. The loss is over \$15,000, with about \$10,000 insurance. The fine Masonic Temple, the First Presbyterian church and First Methodist churches, in the same block, were menaced but escaped. W. H. Peters was seriously injured by being jammed against a wall by a piano.

James S. Davenport left Saturday night for Little Rock, Ark., to attend the funeral of Senator Jeff Davis there yesterday. He will go from Little Rock to Washington to take his place in congress.

Miss Nettie and Beatrice Higgins received word this morning of the death of their sister, Mrs. Wynne at Decatur, Ill. Her daughter, who has been visiting in this city and Mrs. Higgins were called to that city last week.

## SPEAKER CONTEST OVERSHADOWS ALL

Senate Meets Day Ahead With Appointments Yet Undisposed of—  
A Warlike Session.

Oklahoma City, Jan. 6.—With portentous signs and rumblings, the fourth legislature is assembling to convene in regular session Tuesday at high noon. The soothsayers shake their heads direfully as the last days pass, and prognosticate a warlike session.

The senate assembles a day ahead of time, with every promise of hard fighting over the gubernatorial appointments yet undisposed of.

The house members are engaged in one of the hardest fought and most interesting contests for the speakership in the history of the legislatures since statehood.

Sunday was not a day of rest with the legislators. In fact, the tension Sunday night was greater than Saturday, and the expectation of important developments kept the lobbies of the hotels where the legislators are "milling" on tiptoe all day long. Stories of combinations, disintegrating forces of one man steadily gaining and pulling ahead of the other candidates, of big political influences working for this man or that, of withdrawals by this candidate or that, were in the air all the time, and largely neutralized each other with their confusions.

There is no question but that the speakership is being fought for hard. No question but that others than legislators are taking part in it. Every train brings in outside "big men" and politicians, sent for to use their influence on maybe a home member, or to help with landing somebody else.

The story was actually told at midnight Saturday night, and gained some credence, that an "eastside" legislator pledged to one candidate, had been intercepted by friends of another, while in transit to Oklahoma City, and kidnapped to Southwest City, Mo. It turned out upon investigation that this member had never even left his farm, but this shows the "atmosphere" surrounding the speakership fight.

Good nature prevails, however, and it seems the accepted opinion that no lasting factions are being created; that when the winner wins, the losers will forget they ever tried for the honor, and go into the serious business of lawmaking, untrammelled by any bad feeling.

As one very prominent state politician put it Sunday night: "It makes no difference whether Williams, Maxey, Smith or Crawford wins the speakership, one strong man will be in the chair and three other strong men on the floor, to say nothing of able legislators who are not contesting, and the gentlemen on the floor will wield as much power as if they were in the chair. The house has too many exceptional men in it this session to be dominated by any speaker who might be selected, and for this reason, if no other, the contest for the speakership need have no ill feeling behind it, since no one loses any advantage by it going to someone else."

At a late hour Sunday, the four candidates were still in the ring with enthusiastic seconds and "corner men" and no great signs of any one of them being very weak. The expectation is that several ballots will be taken by the caucus before the matter is decided.

## Davenport's Position.

Stories of congressmen taking active part in the speakership fight continue going the rounds. The Oklahoman is in receipt of a telegram from Congressman James S. Davenport, relative to Mr. Crawford's candidacy, which is interesting:

"My expression of preference for Crawford," he says, "has no political significance, but is based upon a personal friendship of fifteen years. Crawford's loyalty to me when I needed it years ago was such that no fair thinking man, when he understands the truth, can blame me. I am fighting no one; all are gentlemen. The speakership is statewide. Crawford stands for our schools as established. Please publish this."

"JAMES S. DAVENPORT."

The legislature convenes at high noon Tuesday, in the India temple building opposite the Threadgill hotel on North Broadway. The senate, being already organized, may plunge right into work, but it will be two or three days probably before the house is ready to give its entire time to business.

ness. The selection of house committees is always a labor of some time and difficulty, and until the committees are fixed, but little actual work can be done in a legislative way.

"Retrenchment and reform" in state and county offices; the question of abolishing a number of state educational institutions; the matter of the death sentence, and is proposed abolition; fundamental amendment to the bank guaranty law; the great question of congressional redistricting; gubernatorial power to remove county officials neglecting or failing to do their duty—such are some of the largest problems the present legislature will be called upon to face and solve.

Investigations promise to take up some time of the legislature also. The senate in particular is believed to have in mind probes of several departments and matters, such as the examinations the senatorial investigating committee has been making of the office of the game warden, the board of affairs and the state election board.

## VETERAN JOURNALIST DEAD.

E. C. Forney, Formerly of Kansas City,  
Dies in Stroud, Okla.

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 5.—E. C. Forney of Guthrie, nephew of the late Colonel John Forney of the Philadelphia Press and himself a newspaper man for years in Chicago, New York, Philadelphia and Topeka, died last night at Stroud, Okla., where recently he bought a farm and was turning it into a system of fish ponds, driveways and parkings. He was a pioneer in Kansas City, Oklahoma and New Mexico and was an aspirant for United States senator in New Mexico during the campaigns there prior to statehood. His divorced wife is now the wife of former Governor Cassius M. Barnes of Oklahoma.

## ROGERS' TRIAL NEARING END.

Cattleman is Charged With Killing Ed  
Conrad Over a Fence Line.

Arkansas City, Kans., Jan. 5.—Testimony in rebuttal in the trial of Frank B. Rogers, a cattleman charged with killing Ed Conrad in the Kaw Indian country in a quarrel over a fence line in February, 1910, now on in the district court at Newkirk, was finished Saturday. Tuesday arguments will be presented.

The case has been hard fought on both sides. This is Rogers' second trial.

## OKLAHOMA NEWS IN BRIEF.

The corporation commission Saturday issued an order requiring the Frisco to remove its depot at Simpson to the regular townsite, 300 yards from the present location, removal to be made by February 15, 1913.

A telegram received by the corporation commission from officials of the Frisco, states that a man supposed to be W. W. Thorne was killed, and another, E. J. O'Day slightly injured when a tank rolled upon them in a car in which they were riding on a freight train near Sapulpa.

The board of public affairs Saturday removed the legislative furniture into the India temple, at Second and Broadway, where the legislature will meet this winter. The auditoriums for both houses are sufficiently large and a number of committee rooms have been provided. The building is within four blocks of the leading hotels.

Auditors of the various railroads operating in Oklahoma, at a conference at Oklahoma City, decided to choose a representative to remain in this city during the time the corporation commission is making refunds to shippers under the provisions of the recent supreme court opinions affirming rates previously agreed to by the commission and carriers.

## Good Roads Meeting.

Most of the stores closed this afternoon between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock to attend the good roads meeting at the Grand. The crowd was not as large as it ought to have been on account of the weather but those that came in and heard Mr. King were more than repaid for their trouble. The greater part of the meeting came too late for this issue and will be given in full tomorrow.

**Two Negroes Killed in Pistol Battle.**  
Pawhuska, Okla., Jan. 5.—Howard and Fred Phillips, brothers, were shot to death and Sam King and John Jones were wounded in a revolver battle following a quarrel over money won in gambling. All were negroes.

## OKLAHOMA TRAIN TO INAUGURATION

East Oklahoma Plans to Send Boosters  
to the National Capital—Alluring Itinerary.

Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 4.—Following a meeting in the Brady hotel here Friday night, arrangements were perfected Saturday for the running of a special train from Tulsa to Washington, carrying several thousand enterprising citizens from all over eastern Oklahoma to attend the inauguration of Governor Wilson as president of the United States, and to boost for river improvement in Oklahoma.

At the meeting an executive committee, to have charge of the arrangements for the special train was selected, consisting of the following: Tate Brady, chairman, Tulsa; Clarence B. Douglass, Muskogee, vice chairman; C. A. Canderson, Tulsa, secretary; Thomas H. Owen, Charles N. Haskell, Leo Bennett, Muskogee; V. M. Locke, Antlers; D. M. Halley, South McAlester; D. A. McDougal, Sapulpa; James S. Davenport, Vinita; Thomas H. Bufington, Vinita; Charles D. Carter, Ardmore; H. F. Aby, M. H. Connors, F. M. Wooden, Conn. Linn, M. A. Breckenridge, Eugene Lorton, C. J. Wrightsman, Pat Hurley, W. H. Fildes, Tulsa; W. A. Durant, Durant; L. M. Nichols, Bristow, executive committee.

Plans announced indicate that the people of the eastern portion of the state, especially that section where live the members of the five civilized tribes, are going to Washington to attend the inauguration and are going in style. The proposed route is: Start from Tulsa on date yet to be designated; half day in Dallas, Texas; half day in Houston; day in New Orleans; half day in Birmingham, Alabama; half day in Chattanooga, Tennessee; stop at Asheville, North Carolina; half day at Richmond, Virginia; five days in Washington.

The train will be all sleepers except the baggage and dining cars. Each meal will cost 50 cents, dining service in charge of the railroads. There will be at least seven sleepers and reservations already made or assurance that the train will be filled. The sleepers will be used in Washington to save hotel bills. Full details of the trip will be worked out by the executive committee within the next ten days, and announced in the newspapers.

## WILL GIVE SKIN TO SAVE A BOY.

Two Women Will Make Sacrifice to  
Save Burned Youth.

Leavenworth, Kans., Jan. 5.—Two women have agreed to sacrifice a part of their skin to save the life of the 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stevens, who was burned severely several weeks ago. Physicians say that the lad's life can be saved only by skin grafting. Mrs. S. J. Rupert of Topeka and a Leavenworth woman who refuses to give her name have volunteered to undergo the operation which will be the means of saving the boy's life.

## Bar Visitors From Leavenworth Pen.

Leavenworth, Kans., Jan. 5.—The reason for Warden McClaughey's order barring visitors from the federal penitentiary was learned Saturday when it became known that letters threatening the destruction of the prison and its officials had been received. The order is without precedent at the prison except in cases of quarantine against disease.

Some of these letters, all anonymous were written in red ink and contain dire predictions. Others are addressed to members of the "dynamite squad." Mail will not be delivered until the letters are examined by government postoffice inspectors.

Warden McClaughey's order was issued at the instance of Attorney General Wickersham to whom it is supposed the first officer of the prison reported the receipt of the letters.

Not even newspaper men are allowed within the steel gates. It is feared someone might smuggle arms or explosives into the institution or attempt to kill the prison officials.

## Death of Adam Pfannkuche.

Adam Pfannkuche, age 77, and well known in this city died at his home early this morning. He leaves several children to mourn his decease. The funeral will be held from the residence of his son, Chas. Pfannkuche tomorrow afternoon and all friends of the family are invited.

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